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AMENDED SET OF CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A process for producing an olefin polymer, comprising: carrying out solution polymerization of ethylene and one or more kinds of monomers selected from α -olefins at a temperature ranging from 120 to 300°C, wherein the charge mole ratio of ethylene and α -olefin is in the range of ethylene: α -olefin = 50:50 to 99.9:0.1, in the presence of a catalyst for olefin polymerization, said catalyst consisting essentially of:

(A) a bridged metallocene compound represented by a general formula [I] described below,

$$R^{1}$$
 R^{14}
 R^{13}
 R^{12}
 R^{12}
 R^{10}
 R^{9}
 R^{8}
 R^{7}
 R^{10}
 R^{10}

wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁸, R⁹, and R¹² are each a hydrogen atom, a hydrocarbon group, or a silicon-containing group, and may be identical or different, or neighboring groups may be bonded together to form a ring structure;

R⁶ and R¹¹ are identical to each other and are each a hydrogen atom, a hydrocarbon Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP 2 MSW/CAM/jg

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group, or a silicon-containing group, or may be bonded together to form a ring structure;

R⁷ and R¹⁰ are identical to each other and are a hydrogen atom, a hydrocarbon group, or a silicon-containing group, or may be bonded together to form a ring structure;

R⁶, R⁷, R¹⁰ and R¹¹ are not simultaneously hydrogen atoms;

R¹³ and R¹⁴ are each an aryl group, and may be identical or different;

M represents Ti, Zr or Hf;

Y represents carbon or silicon;

Q represents halogen, a hydrocarbon group, an anionic ligand, or a lone electron pair, and may be selected from an identical or different combination of neutral ligands capable of coordination; and

i is an integer of 1 to 4, and

- (B) at least one or more kinds of compounds selected from the group consisting of (b-1) an organoaluminum oxy-compound, and
- (b-3) an organoaluminum compound, wherein said organoaluminum compound is selected from the group consisting of trimethylaluminum, triethylaluminum, tri(n-butyl)aluminum, trihexylaluminum, trioctylaluminum, triisopropylaluminum, triisobutylaluminum, tri(sec-butyl)aluminum, tri(tert-butyl)aluminum, tri(2-methylbutyl)aluminum, tri(3-methylhexyl)aluminum, tri(2-ethylhexyl)aluminum, tricyclohexylaluminum, tricyclooctylaluminum, triphenylaluminum, tritolylaluminum, diisopropylaluminumhalide, diisobutylaluminumhalide, isoprenylaluminum represented by general formula $(i-C_4H_9)_xAl_y(C_5H_{10})_z$ wherein x, y, and z are positive integers, and z is in the range of $z \le 2x$,

isobutylaluminummethoxide, isobutylaluminumethoxide, dibutylaluminumbutoxide, dimethylaluminummethoxide, diethylaluminumethoxide, dibutylaluminumbutoxide, ethylaluminumsesquiethoxide, butylaluminumsesquibutoxide, partially alkoxylated alkylaluminum having mean compositions represented by general formula R^a_{2.5}Al(OR^b)_{0.5}, diethylaluminumphenoxide, diethylaluminum(2,6-di-t-butyl-4-methylphenoxide), dimethylaluminumchloride, diethylaluminumchloride, dibutylaluminumchloride, diethylaluminumbromide, diisobutylaluminumchloride, ethylaluminumsesquichloride, butylaluminumsesquichloride, ethylaluminumdichloride, diethylaluminumhydride, dibutylaluminumhydride, ethylaluminumdihydride, propylaluminumdihydride, ethylaluminumethoxychloride, butylaluminumbutoxychloride, ethylaluminumethoxychloride, butylaluminumbutoxychloride, ethylaluminumethoxychloride, butylaluminumbutoxychloride, ethylaluminumethoxychloride, butylaluminumbutoxychloride,

- 2. (Cancelled).
- 3. (Previously Presented) A process for producing an olefin polymer, comprising: carrying out solution polymerization of ethylene and one or more kinds of monomers selected from α-olefins at a temperature ranging from 120 to 300°C, in the presence of a catalyst for olefin polymerization, said catalyst comprising:
- (A) a bridged metallocene compound represented by the general formula [I] described below,

$$R^{14}$$
 R^{14}
 R^{13}
 R^{12}
 R^{10}
 R^{9}
 R^{8}
 R^{7}

wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁸, R⁹ and R¹² are each a hydrogen atom, a hydrocarbon group, or a silicon-containing group, and may be identical or different, or neighboring groups may be bonded together to form a ring structure;

R⁶ and R¹¹ are identical and are each a hydrocarbon group or a silicon-containing group, or may be bonded together to form a ring structure;

R⁷ and R¹⁰ are identical to each other and are each a hydrocarbon group or a siliconcontaining group, or may be bonded together to form a ring structure;

 R^{13} and R^{14} are each an aryl group, and may be identical or different;

M is Ti, Zr or Hf;

Y represents carbon or silicon;

Q represents halogen, a hydrocarbon group, an anionic ligand, or a lone electron pair, and may be selected from an identical or different combination of neutral ligands capable of coordination; and

j is an integer of 1 to 4, and

(B) at least one compound selected from the group consisting of Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP 5

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(b-1) an organoaluminum oxy compound,

(b-2) a compound which reacts with the bridged metallocene compound (A) to form an ion pair, and

(b-3) an organoaluminum compound.

- 4. (Previously Presented) The process of claims 1 or 3, wherein M represents Zr or Hf.
- 5. (New) The process of claim 1, wherein Y in the general formula [I] represents carbon.